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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Takayuki TAMURA *et al.*
Serial No. : 10/748,156
Filed : 31 December 2003
For : EXTERNAL STORAGE DEVICE AND MEMORY
ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREOF
Art Unit : 2133
Examiner : P.M. Chung
Conf. No. : 6972

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
POB 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

26 November 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 25 August 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 29-61 were pending in the application, under consideration and subject to examination at the time of the Office Action, and remain pending in the application for further consideration and examination.

RELATED APPLICATION/INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is respectfully submitted that the present application has now been determined to be related to US Application No. 10/639,808 filed 30 July 2003,